



Developer Rejects OR's Plan for Brownfield

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Hoyt Street Properties, a developer, is opposing a draft cleanup plan developed by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality for cleaning up a brownfields site in Portland. The DEQ's \$5.1M cleanup plan, which was issued in January 2000, is being criticized by Hoyt Street Properties for leaving too much contaminated soil at the site. The developer is now requesting that the Oregon DEQ expand the level of effort outlined in the draft cleanup plan. The site, formerly used as a train fueling and maintenance facility until the late 1980s, is characterized by soil and groundwater contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons and VOCs. The DEQ's draft plan calls for the removal and disposal of 7,800 cubic yards of contaminated soil from the most contaminated areas at the site, as well as capping the remaining area, and treating contaminated groundwater. According to Hoyt, adequate cleanup of the contamination would cost at least \$30M, compared with the DEQ's \$5M estimate. A final determination is expected by early April 2000.